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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed are:

- (1) Specification consisting of 15 pages.
- (2) 22 Claims: 5 independent, 17 dependent.
- (3) Informal Drawings consisting of 7 sheets.
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